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COVID-19 Immunization Process Underway

The COVID immunizations for the general public over 65 years of age began on January 4, 2021, in Flagler County. While the county is limited to the number of doses allocated weekly by the state, each of us (who want one) might be able to get vaccinated sometime in the near future.

According to Flagler County Health Officer, Bob Snyder, (in the Palm Coast Observer), there are approximately 27,000 persons aged 65 and over on the county's appointment call back list. During the first week in February, the county will be migrating to the state's new appointment system called Sharecare, and those on the list will automatically be integrated into the new system.

This, hopefully, will work more efficiently than the current (and extremely user frustrating) system and will equitably schedule appointments as vaccine becomes available. However, according to Snyder, there is a significant gap between the supply of vaccine and the demand. The county health staff can vaccinate 1,000 people per day when they have enough vaccine. If you do the math, you can quickly see that it may take a couple of months just to handle the seniors among us.

Here are a few Q & A's from the CDC website regarding those immunizations.

Q- How many shots of COVID-19 vaccine will be needed?

A- The two authorized and recommended vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in the United States both need two shots to be effective. There is one COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 3 clinical trials in the United States that uses one shot.

Q- If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available?

A- COVID-19 vaccination should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection. You should not be required to have an antibody test before you are vaccinated. However, anyone currently infected with COVID-19 should wait to get vaccinated until after their illness has resolved and after they have met the **criteria** to discontinue isolation. Additionally, current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. Therefore, people with a recent infection may delay vaccination until the end of that 90-day period if desired.

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February Program/Speaker COL Peggy Hengeveld



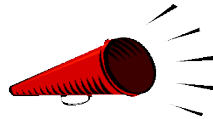
COL (Ret) Peggy Hengeveld has had a very diverse civilian and military nursing career. Upon retirement, the PA Army National Guard (PAARNG) promoted her to BG on the retired list. While in uniform, she served with the 108th Combat Support Hospital, the 103rd Medical Battalion, and Joint Force Headquarters of the PAARNG. She graduated from Reading Hospital School of Nursing, Lebanon Valley College, University of St Francis and the United States Army War College being the first female soldier from PAARNG to do so.

She has worked in Cardiac Care, Intensive Care, Oncology, and Occupational Health and Safety. Peggy served as the Occupational Health nurse at Three Mile Island from 1978 to 1989. She developed a corporate Occupational Health program for the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, PA, ultimately providing work related services to over 200 companies. Peggy's final civilian position, Safety and Occupational Health Manager for the PAARNG, served the needs of the fulltime workforce across PA.

She currently volunteers as a nurse at the Flagler Free Clinic and serves as president of their board. She also volunteers as an AARP Tax Aide, scheduling people for free annual Federal tax preparation, as well as 1st Vice President of MOAA FL Ch 41.

“My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope on earth.”

—Abraham Lincoln



Now Hear This!!

Reminder : “Veterans on Point” Weekly radio broadcast on WNZF 1550 AM or 94.9 FM on Sunday's at 9:30 AM. It is hosted by Veterans Service Officer, **David Lydon**, with interesting guests and information pertinent to all veterans. (For your convenience, Podcasts are available at www.flaglerbroadcasting.com WNZF Podcasts “Veterans on Point”.)

- The speaker for our March meeting will be Kara Hoblick, curator of the Flagler Agricultural Museum. We are sure that Kara will deliver an interesting and informative message. Kara's biographical information will be included in the March news letter.
- Revised protocol for awarding JROTC Academic Achievement Awards: At its January meeting, the Board of Directors revised the protocol for presenting this award to each of the two annual recipients. Along with the congratulatory letter, a cashiers check for the amount of the award (currently \$750) will be presented. This will allow each recipient the flexibility to apply the award towards tuition, books, housing, or their most pressing need as they proceed on their post high school journey.



IF you have a new address or telephone number, please let us know.



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COVID Immunization Q & A (Continued from page 1)

Q- When can I stop wearing a mask and avoiding close contact with others after I have been vaccinated?

A- There is not enough information currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision.

Q- Are there other vaccines that can help prevent me from getting COVID-19?

A- There are currently no other available vaccines that will prevent COVID-19. A flu vaccine will not protect you from getting COVID-19, but it can prevent you from getting influenza (flu) at the same time as COVID-19. This can keep you from having a more severe illness. While it's not possible to say with certainty what will happen this winter, CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading during that time. That means that getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever.

Q- What percentage of the population needs to get vaccinated to have herd immunity to COVID-19?

A- Experts do not know what percentage of people would need to get vaccinated to achieve herd immunity to COVID-19. Herd immunity is a term used to describe when enough people have protection—either from previous infection or vaccination—that it is unlikely a virus or bacteria can spread and cause disease. As a result, everyone within the community is protected even if some people don't have any protection themselves. The percentage of people who need to have protection in order to achieve herd immunity varies by disease.

For answers to other questions, please refer to the CDC website.

General Meeting Reservation
THURSDAY February 25th, 2021
Halifax Golf Club

Social Time— 11:30 AM Dinner & Meeting— 12 Noon Program - "Herstory"

Name: _____

		# Desired	Total
Chicken Pasta Picatta	\$23.00	_____	_____
Beef Stir Fry over Rice	\$23.00	_____	_____
		_____	_____

Supporting Donations (Circle one):
Toys for Tots/Feed Flagler/JROTC Academic Achievement Award/ Other (please designate) _____
Suggested charitable donation—\$10 min)

\$20 dues for 2021 (due by 3/31/2021)! We will gladly accept early payment _____

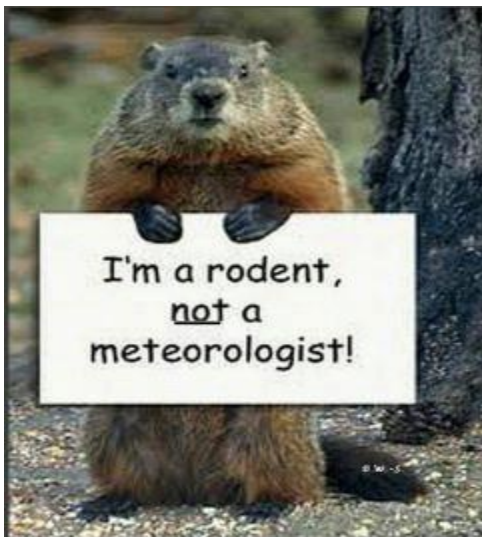
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING, PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSES THAT WE SUPPORT OR TO PAY YOUR DUES. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MARK "NO MEAL," CIRCLE FUND, AND INDICATE AMOUNT.

Mail Check to: MOAA , P.O. Box 352495, Palm Coast, FL 32135-2495

Please ensure that checks and reservations are received by **Wednesday, Feb 17th, 2021**

Dates to Remember			
<p><u>Board Meetings</u></p> <p>County Admin Bldg. Feb 4th 3:00 PM</p> <p>County Admin Bldg. Mar 4th 3:00 PM</p>	<p><u>General Membership Meetings</u></p> <p>Dinner Meetings Hilton Garden Inn Mar 25th May 27th</p> <p>Luncheon Meetings Halifax Golf Club Feb 25th April 22nd</p>	<p><u>February Birthdays</u></p> <p>3 Dale Bell 6 Randy Stapleford 7 Jim McClanahan 7 Linda Scott 16 James McMahan 20 Neal Mc Coppin 26 John Morris</p>	<p><u>February Anniversaries</u></p> <p>21 Randy&Rhonda Stapleford</p> 
<p><u>February Observances</u></p> <p>Feb 1st National Freedom Day Feb 2nd Groundhog Day Feb 12th Lincoln's Birthday Feb 14th Valentines Day Feb 15th Washington's Birthday (Observed) Feb 17th Ash Wednesday Feb 23rd Flag Raised over Iwo Jima (1945)</p>			



Happy Groundhog Day

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